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SUBJECT: CASE-BY-CASE PAROLE FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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1. TO DATE, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP FURTHER GUIDANCE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AS PROMISED REF. A. INSTEAD, WE ARE CURRENTLY ADMITTING VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES ONLY ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AFTER SPECIAL APPROVAL BY INS/CO.

2. CASES ADMITTED UNDER THIS PROCEDURE INVOLVE EXTREME HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES. TO DATE, THESE GENERALLY HAVE BEEN CASES INVOLVING VERY CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, GENERALLY WHERE THE MOST VIABLE ELEMENT OF THE FAMILY IS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. IN SUCH CASES, WHEN PAROLE IS GRANTED, ICEM IS ASKED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF REFUGEES DIRECT TO SPONSOR IN THE U.S. BY COMMERCIAL AIR, UNLESS REFUGEE WILL ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES WITH OVER

DOLLARS 4,000 IN WHICH CASE REFUGEE IS ASKED TO PAY.

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4. THE CASE OF NGUYEN THI NGUYEN WOULD APPEAR TO QUALIFY FOR SUCH HUMANITARIAN PAROLE. GENERALLY, WE FIND IT POSSIBLE TO PAROLE THE REFUGEE'S WIFE WHEN THE HUSBAND IS IN THE UNITED STATES. ARRIVAL IN MANILA PRIOR TO 15 MARCH 75 WOULD NOT PREVENT PAROLE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. IT WILL, HOWEVER BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE VISAS FALCON CLEARANCES AND SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION PROCEDURES BEFORE MOVEMENT CAN BE AUTHORIZED.

5. IF EMBASSY HAS ADDITIONAL CASES WHICH IT BELIEVES MAY QUALIFY UNDER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CRITERIA, SUCH CASES SHOULD BE REPORTED WITH AS FULL DETAIL AS POSSIBLE AND ORM WILL TAKE THEM UP WITH INS/CO. KISSINGER

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